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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on the 2nd day of January, 2001

Joint application of

TAQUAN AIR SERVICE, INC. and VENTURE TRAVEL, LLC d/b/a TAQUAN AIR

Docket OST-00-8212 + 4

for approval of a transfer of certificate authority under 49 U.S.C. 41105

ORDER ISSUING EFFECTIVE CERTIFICATE AND CONFIRMING ORAL ACTION

Summary

By this order, we (1) confirm our oral action taken with respect to Venture Travel, LLC d/b/a Taquan Air and (2) reissue to the carrier its certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation to reflect its effective date.

Background

By Order 2000-12-10, served December 20, 2000, the Department found that Venture Travel, LLC d/b/a Taquan Air was fit, willing, and able to conduct interstate scheduled air transportation and transferred to it the certificate previously issued to Taquan Air Service, Inc.

The authority granted by the transferred certificate was to become effective on the sixth (business) day after we had received, among other things, a copy of Taquan's Air Carrier Certificate and Operations Specifications from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorizing it to engage in such operations, a description of any fitness-related changes the company had undergone since the date of the order in this case, and our receipt of evidence

that the company had obtained liability insurance coverage meeting the requirements of 14 CFR 205.5(b) for all of its aircraft.

On December 21, 2000, Taquan submitted the required evidence of appropriate FAA authority and a statement indicating that it had not undergone any fitness-related changes. It did not, however, submit the required evidence of insurance and a check with the FAA office that handles such forms found that the insurance of record for Taquan was at the air taxi limits only. Therefore, the company was advised that its authority could not be made effective. Evidence of the appropriate level of insurance was received on December 29. As the company had previously fulfilled all of the other terms for receipt of effective authority, and had informally requested a waiver from the standard six-day waiting period, we advised the carrier on that same date that we were making its section 41102 certificate authority effective immediately. By this order, we confirm that action and reissue to Taquan its interstate scheduled certificate to reflect the December 29, 2000, effective date.

ACCORDINGLY, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its Regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

- 1. We confirm our oral action of December 29, 2000, granting Venture Travel, LLC d/b/a Taquan Air a waiver from the six-day waiting period and making its section 41102 certificate authority effective on that same date.
- 2. We reissue to Venture Travel, LLC d/b/a Taquan Air the interstate scheduled section 41102 certificate transferred to it by Order 2000-12-10 in the attached form to reflect its effective date.¹
- 3. We direct Venture Travel, LLC d/b/a Taquan Air to submit to the Air Carrier Fitness Division a first year progress report within 45 days following the end of its first year of actual flight operations under its transferred authority.²
- 4. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

According to its terms, the reissued certificate restricts Taquan to operations using small (under 10-seat) aircraft. In the event Taquan wishes to institute operations using larger aircraft, it must first be determined fit for such operations.

The report should include a description of the carrier's current operations (number and type of aircraft, principal markets served, total number of full-time and part-time employees), a summary of how these operations have changed during the year, a discussion of any changes it anticipates from its current operations during its second year, current financial statements, and a listing of current senior management and key technical personnel.

The action confirmed in this order was effective when taken and the filing of a petition for review shall not alter its effectiveness.

By:

RANDALL D. BENNETT

Acting Director
Office of Aviation Analysis

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Interstate Air Transportation

(as reissued)

This Certifies That

VENTURE TRAVEL, LLC d/b/a TAQUAN AIR

is authorized, subject to the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of United States Code, the orders, rules, and regulations issued thereunder, and the attached Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, to engage in interstate air transportation of persons, property, and mail.

This Certificate is not transferable without the approval of the Department of Transportation.

By Direction of the Secretary

Issued by Order 2001-1-3 On January 2, 2001 Effective on December 29, 2000 Randall D. Bennett Acting Director Office of Aviation Analysis



Terms, Conditions, and Limitations

VENTURE TRAVEL, LLC d/b/a TAQUAN AIR

is authorized to engage in interstate air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point in any State, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, and any other point in any of those entities.

This authority is subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The holder shall at all times conduct its operations in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Department of Transportation for the services authorized by this certificate, and with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Department of Transportation may prescribe in the public interest.
- (2) The holder's authority is effective only to the extent that such operations are also authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and comply with all FAA requirements concerning security.
- (3) The holder may not operate aircraft designed to have a maximum passenger capacity of more than 9 seats or a maximum payload capacity of more than 7,500 pounds. In the event that the holder wishes to institute operations with aircraft having a larger capacity, it must first be determined fit for such operations.
- (4) The holder shall at all times remain a "Citizen of the United States" as required by 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(15).
- (5) The holder shall maintain in effect liability insurance coverage as required under 14 CFR Part 205. Failure to maintain such insurance coverage will render a certificate ineffective, and this or other failure to comply with the provisions of Subtitle VII of Title 49 of the United States Code or the Department's regulations shall be sufficient grounds to revoke this certificate.

^{*}This certificate is being reissued to reflect its effective date.

- (6) The holder may reduce or terminate service at any point or between any two points, subject to compliance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 41734 and all orders and regulations issued by the Department of Transportation under that section.
- (7) The holder may not provide scheduled passenger air transportation to or from Dallas (Love Field), Texas, except within the limits set forth in section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, as amended by section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998.
- (8) Should the holder propose any substantial changes in its ownership, management, or operations (as that term is defined in 14 CFR 204.2(l)), it must first comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 204.5.
- (9) In the event that the holder commences but subsequently ceases all operations for which is was found "fit, willing and able," its authority under this certificate shall be suspended under the terms of 14 CFR 204.7 and the holder may neither recommence nor advertise such operations unless its fitness to do so has been redetermined by the Department. Moreover, if the holder does not resume operations within one year of its cessation, its authority shall be revoked for dormancy.

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